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### MINISTRY OF LAW (Legislative Department)

*New Delhi, the 13th September, 1961/Bhadra 22, 1883 (Saka)*

The following Act of Parliament received the assent of the President on the 12th September, 1961, and is hereby published for general information:—

### THE INDIAN PENAL CODE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1961

No. 41 OF 1961

[12th September, 1961]

#### An Act further to amend the Indian Penal Code.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Twelfth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Indian Penal Code (Amendment) Act, 1961. Short title.

Act 45 of  
1860.

2. For section 153A of the Indian Penal Code (hereinafter referred to as the Code), the following section shall be substituted, namely,— Substitution of new section for section 153A.

“153A. Whoever—

(a) by words, either spoken or written, or by signs or by visible representations or otherwise, promotes, or attempts to promote, on grounds of religion, race, language, caste or community or any other ground whatsoever, feelings of enmity or hatred between different religious, racial or language groups or castes or communities, or Promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, language, etc., and doing acts prejudicial to maintenance of harmony.

(b) commits any act which is prejudicial to the maintenance of harmony between different religious, racial or

language groups or castes or communities and which disturbs or is likely to disturb the public tranquillity,

shall be punished with imprisonment which may extend to three years, or with fine, or with both."

Amendment  
of section  
295A.

3. In section 295A of the Code,—

(a) for the words "by words, either spoken or written, or by visible representations", the words "by words, either spoken or written, or by signs or by visible representations or otherwise" shall be substituted;

(b) for the words "two years", the words "three years" shall be substituted.

Amendment  
of section  
505.

4. In section 505 of the Code, for the words "two years", the words "three years" shall be substituted.

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*Secy. to the Govt. of India.*